

Overview

What are PFASs and where are they found?

Many per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFASs), also referred to as perfluorinated chemicals (PFCs), are found world-wide in the environment, wildlife, and humans.

PFASs are substances that have many manufacturing and industrial applications because they impart useful properties, including fire resistance and oil, stain, grease and water repellency. These chemicals are used in a wide range of industrial applications and the manufacture of consumer goods, and may be found in cleaners, textiles, leather, paper and paints, fire-fighting foams, and wire insulation.

Why is EPA concerned about Long-chain PFASs?

EPA is particularly concerned about so-called long-chain PFAS chemicals. These are persistent in the

PFAS on the TSCA Inventory

[View EPA's list of PFAS chemicals designated as commercially active on the Toxic Substances Control Act \(TSCA\) Inventory of Chemical Substances.](#)

[General info about PFOA, PFOS and Other PFAS.](#)